

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2003

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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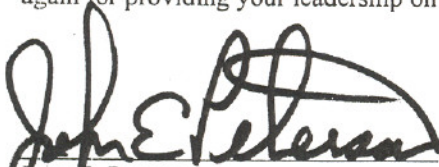
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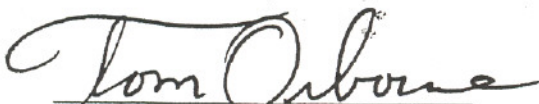
Sincerely,




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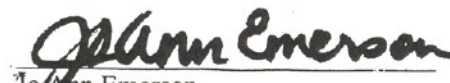
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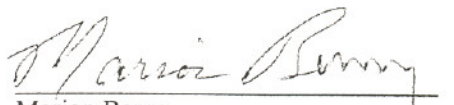
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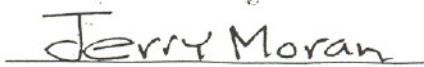
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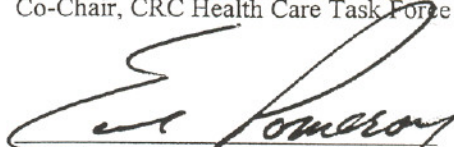
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John Boozman/ R

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Don Sherwood/ R

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Bill Shuster/ R

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Kenneth R. Lucas/ D

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Chris Cannon/ R

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John J. Duncan, Jr./ R

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Steve King/ R

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Charles H. Taylor/ R

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Barbara Cubin/ R

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Marsha Blackburn/ R

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Scott McInnis/ R

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Michael Simpson/ R

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Richard Pombo/ R

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Walter B. Jones/ R

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Sam Graves/ R

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Johnny Isakson/ R

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Wally Herger/ R

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Mark Green/ R

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Rob Simmons/ R

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Jack Quinn/ R

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John N. McHugh/ R

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Ginny Brown-

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Mac Thornberry/ R

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Dennis Rehber

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Rob Bishop/ R

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Ed Whitfield/ R

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Marilyn Musgrave/ R

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Robert Aderholt/ R

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Rick Renzi/ R

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Frank Lucas/ R

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Doug Bereuter

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Ron Lewis/ R

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John Kline/ R

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Mark Souder/ R

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Jim Oberstar/ D

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Jim Matheson/ D

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Jim Gibbons/ R

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Max Burns/ R

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Donna Christensen/ D (Delegate)

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